

# AMA-CHEWER

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## PROGRAMS

Nov. 27th Program to be announced.

Dec. 4th Annual meeting of the Indianapolis Radio Club Inc. Election of officers for 1954. You are urged to attend and cast your vote for your candidate. Members in good standing will with this issue receive a white insert with eligible candidates, if your insert is not received please check with the treasurer.

Dec. 11th Program to be announced.

Dec. 18th Program to be announced.

Dec. 25th Christmas, no meeting. Season's Greetings.

Jan. 1st New Year's Day no meeting.

Jan. 8th Installation of new officers.



## MEMBERSHIP SUPPLEMENT

If you are a member of the Indianapolis Radio Club Inc. in good standing (Dues paid up to and including the current month) your copy of Amachewer will include a white insert with the nominating committee report and a list of eligible members who may hold office. In case your copy of Amachewer does not have this white supplement it indicates that your name was not included in the list that was given to ye ed as paid up members of the club, this mailing was made from that list and the mailing list has so been arranged. If in your case your name should have included, please check with our treasurer, Ralph Mays, so that the records may be checked and corrections made if such has been the case. (This list was submitted as of Oct. 12th with one (1) correction up to the date of this mimeographing.) Please, then, if your membership card shows that you should have received this supplement won't you let the secretary or treasurer know so that a checkup may be made to rectify the oversight. Too, if you have overlooked the matter of giving the treasurer your dues you can easily correct that and make yourself eligible by attending to this matter.

## CONSTITUTION EXTRACTS

For your guidance a few lines are given as relates to elections;

Only resident members in good standing shall be permitted to vote and to hold office. To be in good standing a member's dues must be paid up to and including the current month.

(Following the nominating committee report) Any group of five resident members in good standing, wishing to make nominations shall report their nominations, a majority of which must be licensed amateurs, to the secretary at least four days before the annual meeting. (Dec. 4th in this case, this being the first regular meeting night in December) Only persons who have been members for one year or more are eligible to hold office or directorships.

## CLUB BUILDING

You would never know it but we still are trying to get a building of our own. As of this printing there has been no furthur pledges turned in to the treasurer and very few labels outside of those who have already been working on them. Another batch of labels are about to be sent with about the same amount as those sent in last month. In the mail are four labels from Swiftng and this should be another dollar.

Just what does it take to get you riled up? We have asked for money, as are a lot of other organizations, we have asked for labels, and that doesn't cause any drain on your pocketbook, and we have asked for your suggestions. To all of these there has been very little activity on your part. Just what does it take to get some action out of you. In the club there are a pitiful few workers and a lot of sitters. Perhaps a liberal use of thumbtacks would take care of the latter but still that wouldn't get any useful work done. Won't you, can't you, please, will you, let us know by your activity or support that you do want to get things done and then help to do them. Your club should mean more to you than just attending once in a great while when the mood suits you or there is to be a bang up program on. The continued well being of the club demands that more of the 400 odd hams in Marion county be at club and take part in ham activities. Your representatives at Indiana Radio Club Council meetings hesitate to offer the services of the Indianapolis Radio Club because they feel that they will not be able to get enough support to get the work done for the

project planned. Look around you, the past year Evansville and Kokomo have held hamfests, have we had one of our own here, and why not, again because there aren't enough workers to put it across. If it wasn't for a few that put in many long hours working to get the things done that are done you wouldn't even be able to read this ranting because there wouldn't even be this paper reminder that some things are done. We have put across some nice work the past year, our small help in the Indiana Radio Club Council picnic at Brookside, a fair turn out for Field Day, a question mark for the ARRL TVI program and a nice supply of operators for the Hobby show. Just what was lacking though? The fire and determination to make it bigger and better! More operators on field day keeping the transmitters on steadily, more members in the club attending meetings so that more, larger programs could be secured attracting more members into the club, etc. A hamfest of our own or even bigger, another ARRL Central Division convention such as we held in 1940. (Brother that took work and we got it from lots of people.) A really nice display (Perhaps permanent) for the hobby show and of course a place to keep it and incidently a place to keep the stuff it takes to keep our paper going to press- and that means that we must not be dependant on some landlord but must have a place of our own to have our station, have our meetings in, do our work and planning and get things done. That's not just a dream it can become a reality if you will get the itch and get busy with your help. Let's hear from you. (Editor dismissed.)

#### MAGIC CLEANING FLUID

Ray Forbes, W9HNS sent in an excerpt from an Ind. State Police Bulletin by Zellon Audritsch and we reproduce it here as it may enable the reader to help the appearance of some of his older gear.

With all these so-called sensitive receivers with a half-micrpvolt sensitivity, after a while you find it requires several microvolts to open the squelch, or you can hardly hear any stations at all. Then again you obtain a good RF wattmeter and find that your 30 watt is actually putting only 4 watts of signal into the antenna.

Dust, corrosion, and oxidation can be your worst trouble without your realizing it, or if you suspect such to be your main difficulty, combatting these conditions becomes your biggest problem.

A cleaning fluid, which works like magic, will make that receiver and transmitter with rigor mortis perform and look like a spanking new piece of gear. This formula will make one gallon of cleaning fluid.

8 oz. ammonia  
3 oz. oleic acid  
4 oz. acetone  
7 pints water

Here's how you use it. Get yourself a small paint brush and a good sized pan to hold the liquid. Place the gear in the pan and start soaking the fluid all over the gear with a painting and daubing action. Don't worry about the stuff getting into I.F. coils, transformers, etc. Don't try to clean every small particle, let the solution do the work for you. After five minutes of this work, wash the unit well with lukewarm water, and when the cleaning solution is well washed off the unit, put the whole thing into an oven at 140 to 160 degrees and bake it for 2 hours or so, checking it once or twice to make sure the oven is not too hot. After thoroughly drying out the unit, you will find in addition to a nice bright and shiny piece of gear that you have a transmitter with maximum output once more or a receiver

that will perform as well or better than one from the dealers' shelf.

An alternate method of drying is to use a good infra-red heat lamp and dry the equipment this way which is reported to surpass the oven method.

Remember, sensitivity of a receiver and output of a transmitter will skyrocket under the treatment above described.

(Ed. Above if reproduced as noted from Ind. State Police Bulletin which probably is used with commercial equipment. The ed suggests that before oven baking some types of equipment that have wax impregnated paper condensers that a trial be made so that it can be ascertained whether or not the temperature indicated will cause the wax coating to run, this may apply to certain wax impregnated IF and RF coils too. It, the method, has however been used with nice success in the Police work where condensers are more of the molded type and plastic type coating is the rule in coil assemblies. With care as to the type of apparatus you use it on it will really brighten up and liven up your equipment. )



#### REPORTING

Max Stout, formerly W9JTY of Indpls, and maritime mobile fame, is back on the high seas again after a tour of shore duty in Texas for the Merchant Marine. His present address is M. V. Stout, Radio Officer, SS San Jancinto, c/o Trinidad Corp., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York.

Butler, W9OVF had recent QSO on 20 CW with a K6AUZ who turned out to be Arnold Finchum, Ex-W9FYO, and former member of our club. He passes along regards to all the old gang and gives his QTH as 274 East Fir St., Oxnard, Calif.

A recent visitor and returning Hoosier was Charles Bivens, EX-W9VLI now W4LZT of Dayton Beach, Florida. Some of you older members will remember him at the club and back in the "good old 160 meter days."

In voicing an opinion of conditions in the recent DX test sponsored by CQ I think there should be a WOS award. (Worked One Station) !

Lee Heaton formerly with the C-D company here started to go out west to live and work but finally returned here and is now with the Senn Corp.

Johnny Ewell a novice has moved into a new QTH out north on state highway 421 (phone GL 1491) and hopes to get back on the air again soon.

Several manufacturers representatives for the Esterline-Angus Co. in Speedway who are located in various amateur districts and some of the local hams who work there (W9CYQ, W9APJ, W9OVF, W9DPL) have formed a

Sunday nite at 8 o'clock CW net on 3566 KC. (Sometimes on 7150) and many skeds of batting the breeze about topics of mutual interest to themselves.

Spiros Pantazzi who had the call WN9UQQ is now the holder of a general class license with the call W9UQQ and finds time from his duties as an architect to get on the air occassionally.

Bill Arbuckle from Brownsburg who used to attend radio club meetings here regularly is missed now that he is in Uncle Sam's Navy.

Louie Bergenroth, formerly W9KQG and with WFBM-TV there, is now on the air from Grand Rapids Michigan with the call W5IMI from "Louie's Nut House" as he puts it, and is working at the TV station up there.

Graham Electronics, local ham supplier recently got a swell newspaper write up on their "high-fidelity" section of the store. It appeared in the local newspapers. (And our thanks to Graham Electronics for the use of their equipment at the Hobby Show.)

W9ZUU, Jim Whitmore of 4146 Graceland is back home from a hitch in the army in Korea and Japan and plans on getting back on the air soon and often to make up for lost time on the ham bands.

Lou Skorbiscz, W9WWT has not had his swell signal on the air on the traffic nets for a couple of months due to a number of things. One of these being the burn-out of a high voltage plate transformer. We hear that Lou is no longer with the local CAA station, but works at BSNOPI and does TV service also.

The Radio Amateur Activities Section of TETMA has joined with the Boy Scouts of America and the ARRL in sponsoring an Amateur Radio listening contest in cooperation with Boy's Life Magazine. Prizes are being sought and it is noted that the participants are apt to be the future engineers and hams. (Thanks Art Schultz)

WN9YJZ has a new QTH. It is 241 N. Holmes Ave.

By the way W9RBX lost a Green Bell System mechanical pencil at the hobby show so if any ops on duty found one please give him a buzz.

#### TAKE HEED

Are you an active member,  
The kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the flock,  
Or do you stay at home  
To criticize and knock?  
Do you take an active part  
To help the work along,  
Or are you satisfied  
To only just belong?  
Do you ever go to visit  
A member who is sick,  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the clique?  
Think this over, member,

You know right from wrong.  
Are you an active member,  
Or do you just belong?

Henry Harney, W9FYQ has painted the windmill tower which supports his 4 element 10 meter rotary beam antenna, and reports that the gang who meet for local rag-chews on 10 meter phone each Thursday night generally report in very consistently and more operators both fixed and mobile stations are welcome at 8:00 PM each Thursday. Go give a listen for that local rag-chewing net.

BE SURE TO ATTND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLUB AND  
VOTE FOR YOUR CHOICE OF  
CANDIDATES.



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